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Medical examiner to testify today in 14-month-old's death

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Macomb County Medical Examiner Daniel Spitz is expected to testify today as the murder trial continues for a 20-year-old Warren man accused of squeezing his girlfriend's 14-month-old son to death.

Nate Perry had lived with his girlfriend less than a week before the incident occurred. He is accused of breaking two of Kameran Morosky's ribs. Steve Kaplan, Macomb County assistant prosecutor, said Perry either punched the boy or threw him against a hard surface. The boy suffered a ruptured liver and bled to death internally on Nov. 8, 2007.

During opening arguments Wednesday, Kaplan introduced a letter that Perry wrote from jail to his 21-year-old girlfriend, Kameran's mother, in which he blamed her 3-year-old son for committing the assault.

The defense did not give an opening statement.

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Authorities wrap up at burial site of Eastpointe girl; remains to be ID'd

Christina Stolarz / The Detroit News

MACOMB TOWNSHIP -- Authorities have wrapped up their investigation at the wooded Macomb Township site where remains were found Wednesday evening that are believed to belong to 13-year-old Cindy Zarzycki, who disappeared 22 years ago from an Eastpointe Dairy Queen.

The skeletal remains were turned over to Macomb County Medical Examiner Dr. Daniel Spitz late Wednesday night. His postmortem examination is expected to be concluded by Friday, Eastpointe Police Inspector John Calabrese said.

"It took some time to recover everything out of the grave site," he said. "It was a pretty painstaking process. We had some experienced people there that were able to help us with that."

Several items, including a purse, cassette tapes and a necklace, were found with the remains that were buried by Cindy's killer, Arthur Ream, in a four-foot-deep grave, Calabrese said. Cindy's family members, who were at the search site, "felt very confident" the items belonged to Cindy, he said.

Authorities were led to the 22-acre site near the Clinton River by Ream, 59, who was convicted last month of kidnapping and killing Cindy. He will be sentenced to mandatory life in prison on July 22 in Macomb County Circuit Court.

Officials said Ream won't receive any deal for leading them to Cindy's body.

Ream drew a map of Cindy's burial site, and was temporarily released from jail to show experts and police where he thought he had buried Cindy, but he wasn't certain because the terrain had changed over the past 20 years, Calabrese said.

Authorities found the remains around 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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DeKleine wrote he felt 'free' after death of wife

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GRAND HAVEN -- In letters he wrote from the Kent County Jail, former Holland police officer Ken DeKleine described feeling free after killing his wife.

"I feel so free. I am not worried about what (Lori DeKleine) is doing to the kids anymore by her lies, blackmail and extortion," he wrote to one person.

"Yes, I hurt a lot of people, and I know I did incredible psychological damage to Bree and Troph (Christopher)," he wrote, as read by Detective Tom Knapp in court today during the trial of DeKleine for the murder of his wife.

In the letter, DeKleine said he tried everything before resorting to murder.

"They may never fully understand, hating me in some way, for what I have done," he wrote. "So many people tried talking to (Lori), but that only seemed to make things worse."

Knapp confirmed today that allegations of a sexual relationship between Lori DeKleine and her therapist were true. The therapist first denied the allegations but later admitted it, he said.

Residents without insurance may get help buying medications

by Brian Wilson | The Flint Journal
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FLINT, Michigan -- More than a million Michigan residents have no health insurance, and state Rep Brenda Clack (D-Flint) is urging as many of them as possible to visit the "Help is Here Express" bus on Friday.

Specialists on board the bus will help Flint-area residents determine if they are eligible for free or reduced-priced prescription medications. In the last three years the bus, part of Partnership for Prescription Assistance, has made stops in 2000 cities across all 50 states. Two weeks ago, the organization helped its 5 millionth person on a trip to Utah.

"We have citizens in need, and (the PPA) really does want to help," Clack said. "Health care is very important to me, and I know in these economic times there are people who can't afford it."

The bus comes to town equipped with computers and mobile phones so that patients can determine if their prescriptions are among the more than 2,500 medicines available for minimal cost or for free through PPA member programs.

The organization's benefits have been extolled by talk-show host Montel Williams, who has multiple sclerosis and has been a spokesperson for PPA for about two-and-a-half years. The PPA has pledged that they will spend time with every person who goes to the event on Friday, Clark said. She hopes for a large crowd.

"I do think that the novelty of the bus will bring people out," Clack said. Flint resident Sally Laporte, 43, said that she had both Medicare and disability benefits, but her boyfriend's niece, who is pregnant and has no coverage, would be a prime candidate for the program.

"This would be really great for her," Laporte said. "It sounds awesome."

Argusta Larkin, also from Flint, said she thought that program could fill a huge need for area residents.

"I've known people to die because they didn't have coverage," Larkin said. "They couldn't afford to see a doctor."

Regardless of their reasons for coming, Clack just wants anyone without health insurance to be there.

"I taught in the Flint Schools for 32 years, and I am fortunate to have good health care," Clack said. "But when someone tells me they just can't afford to get sick, that resonates with me."

More resource sharing has to be done to make ends meet



By Dawn Jones

FLINT (WJRT) -- (07/08/08)--Shoppers are facing sticker shock at the grocery store these days as the price of food continues to soar.

People who rely on food stamps or government food assistance programs are among those feeling the pinch the most.

One woman we talked to says times have been hard for her for a while, but says she had been able to treat herself to a little junk food at the grocery store every once in a while.

She's had to cut that out and do more resources sharing just to

Kelly Wilson is one of more than a million people in Michigan who receive food assistance from the government.

"(I get) \$164 dollars for myself," she said.

That's around \$40 a week, which doesn't buy as much today as it did two years ago when she first signed up.

"It seems as though I run out of meat before anything because meat is so expensive and I eat a lot of pasta because it's cheaper," she said. "So I'm going without a lot of junk food nowadays."

Even with the cutbacks, before month's end, Wilson says her cupboards are bare.

"About the third week I usually have to pool my resources together with someone else," she said.

"We will go shop together on their card and I will have to pay them back at a later time when I receive mine."

There are 1.2 million people in Michigan receiving food assistance, representing nearly 600,000 households. The average benefit for an individual is \$100 a month and for a family it's \$200 to \$113. While the cost of food is rising, there is no plan for an increase in benefits.

The Department of Human Services spokesperson did say the federal farm bill that goes into effect in the fall will make it easier for more people to qualify for food assistance.

Residents outline struggles

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State Sen. Mark Schauer stood and listened Wednesday night in a multipurpose room at St. John's United Church of Christ.

What he heard from the crowd of about 30 is that people here are struggling. A majority of audience members came because they are unemployed and/or concerned about the Jackson County economy.

"It is a reality check," said Schauer, D-Battle Creek.

Schauer said his goal for the evening was to help those in the audience meet with the educational institutions and jobs agencies.

"I want you to find that connection here tonight," he said.

It was an official event, not a campaign event for Schauer, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for the U.S. House of Representatives.

He spoke briefly on his thoughts on the economy, but it didn't take long before those in the crowd began raising their hands, telling their stories and detailing their struggles.

"I didn't leave my job," said Calvin Drake, 49, of Blackman Township. "My job left me."

Drake worked for 15 years at Edscha AG before the company closed its doors last spring, sending the jobs to Mexico.

And while he was inside working on the assembly line all those years, things outside were moving in a different direction.

"Everything's changed," he said. "It's all computers now."

It has been a daunting job search for Drake, who has 10 college credits to his name and no computer skills to speak of.

"I hate computers," he said.

But when he goes to South Central Michigan Works for help, he is directed to a room full of them.

Now he is taking a computer numerical control (CNC) machining class through the Jackson Area Manufacturers Association.

It is paid for by the state No Worker Left Behind program, but he just started the class, which takes a year to complete.

"I'll get free schooling, but I won't have a place to live (by the time the class ends)," he said.

Drake, who is living off his unemployment checks and his 401(k), said he fears the day coming soon when he will lose his health care and his home.

"We, as a community, need to make sure that doesn't happen," Schauer said.

Also at the meeting were Liza Estlund-Olson, director of the state's bureau of workforce transformation; Scott Fleming, president and CEO of The Enterprise Group, the county's economic-development agency; and Sarah Hartzler, community relations officer with SCMW.

They were on hand to answer questions and provide information about plans for economic growth in the state, as well as resources for job seekers.

Eugene Brown said he was able to find help after talking with a Baker College representative about finding more unemployment assistance available to him.

Brown, 45, of Jackson has not found full-time employment since TRW, where he had worked for six years, left town in 2006.

Since then, he and his wife, who is laid off from Michigan Seat, live on their combined unemployment benefits, about \$1,400 a month.

Their 1998 Chrysler Town & Country continues to give them problems and needs repairs they can't afford. Brown said he lost a job because the van didn't start one morning before work. He also had to suspend taking classes through No Worker Left Behind because he couldn't make it to class.

Their limited income prevents them from saving money to pay for the repairs, and the increasing cost of food is hitting them hard.

Brown said he has been in contact before with Schauer's office, which is trying to help him find work.

"I'd really like to get into criminal justice," he said.

Schauer, who said it is important for people to understand the value in lifelong learning, hopes the event will encourage them to take advantage of training opportunities.

"We need to link people with careers in high demand," he said.